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#### Whew!

Another Fire Prevention Month in the books with hundreds of children and adults reached. Thanks to everyone for helping to spread the message of fire safety and prevention. It's a very eventful month, and your help is greatly appreciated!



# Happy Anniversary!



Congratulations to Tim Hostetter for 15 years with the West Des Moines Fire Department!

#### **UPCOMING DATES**

November 1 – Association Meeting 19:30

November 7 - Union Meeting 19:00

November 4 – Change Clock/Change Batteries

November 11 - Veteran's Day

November 23 - Thanksgiving

November 24 - Admin Offices Closed

December 2 - Recognition Dinner 17:30

## **Badge Ceremony**

Congratulations to Corry Dolbeer who was promoted to Lieutenant and Ty Larsen who was hired as a full-time firefighter. They were sworn in by Mayor Steve Gaer during a ceremony held at City Hall on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.





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#### October Incidents

Rescue and EMS - 120 (up 22)

False Alarms - 57 (down 19)

Good Intents - 34 (down 10)

Fire - 12 (same)

Hazardous Condition (no fire) - 18 (down 9)

Service - 15 (same)

Special Incident Type - 0 (down 1)

Overpressure, Explosion, Etc. (no fire) – 2 (up 1)

Severe Weather & Natural Disaster - 1 (same)



#### **Educational Achievements**

Hawkeye State Fire Safety Association
Mike Whitsell, Kurt Westhoff,
Doug Rex, Denise Kinkade

Paratech Rescue
Jerry Eslick, Joe Finken, Vince DeBoer

# On Scene – 48th and Western Hills





# From the Community

"Very grateful for the group of firemen who came to my home to help me with smoke alarms. My little daughter, Isadora, was excited to hear the guys were here. We both feel much safer and sincerely appreciate the help." Tracy (L215 C-Shift)

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"Thanks so much to West Des Moines Fire Department Ladder 215, Lieutenant Nelson, Joe, Paul and Jim for installing smoke detectors in my home today! Now I am safe and sound!" Becky





New sculpture for the Memorial... Last Alarm

# Out and About



FF Jess talks with Cub Scouts



The Young Patriots were a nice addition to the Memorial Ceremony

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FM Whitsell discusses smoke detectors at Kid Company



C-Shift aets fancy at Western Hills



FF Bier gives a truck tour at St. Mark's Church



Great turnout for the pancake breakfast/open house



Lt. Nelson captures the attention of the kids



L215 C-Shift opens the station for Beggars' Night

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E220 C-Shift in the neighborhoods for Beggars' Night



E180 decked out for Halloween



FFs Smith and Jones assisting the Boy Scouts' flag burn

### Welcome

The West Des Moines Fire Department would like to welcome Chris Scott, the City's new Police Chief. We look forward to working with you!



